

GCollege411 School of the Month – January 2010

Huntington Middle School

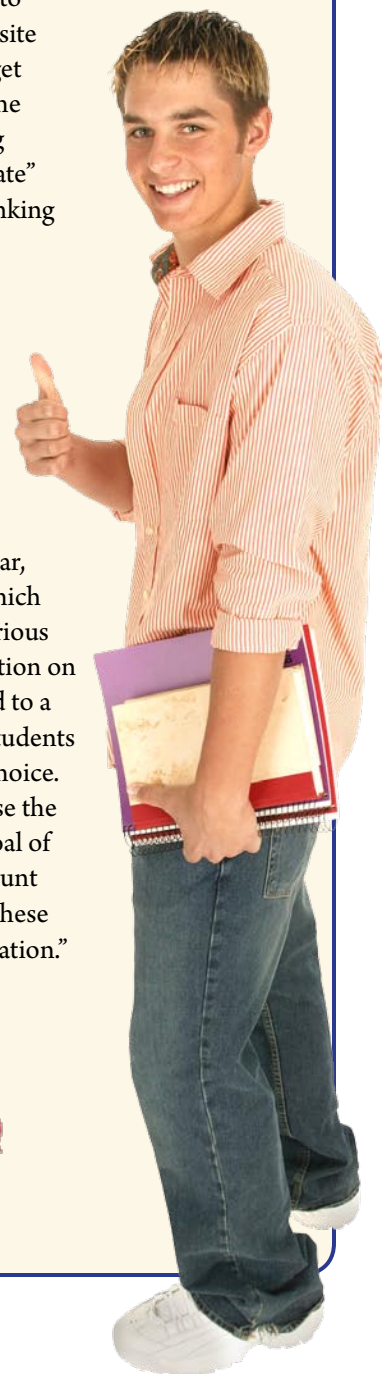
Warner Robins, Georgia

<http://www.hcbe.net/schools/huntington-middle-school.aspx>



Huntington Middle School in Warner Robins, Georgia has been selected as the GCollege411 School of the Month for January 2010. The school was nominated by Dawn Bray who is the Graduation Coach at Huntington Middle School. Dawn shares the following about their use of GCollege411.

“Our goal is for every 8th grade student to transition from Huntington Middle School to high school with a GCollege411 account and a working knowledge of how to use the site effectively. Additionally, we want every 8th grader to identify 3 possible careers to target once in high school. The graduation coach and counselors also give career lessons in the Family and Consumer Science class in accordance with the 8th grade curriculum using the GCollege411 website. Huntington has also implemented an “On Track to Graduate” (OTTG) transitional program that gives 8th grade students an individual percentile ranking for how prepared they are for high school as the 8th grade year progresses. Students earn points as they accomplish 8th grade objectives on the OTTG program. Having a GCollege411 account and completing various activities in the website are components of the OTTG that count towards graduation readiness. This concrete feedback of OTTG is beneficial for the most at risk population when having one on one student conferences. Students are able to track their progress and plan for improvement. Goal setting is crucial and working to achieve the goals is supported. The graduation coach also holds a parent night inviting a representative from GCollege411 to speak and assist the parents in understanding the components for the site, especially as it pertains to future high school students. At the end of the year, the graduation coach and counselors host an elaborate 8th Grade CAREER DAY in which students move through 10 minute career sessions to meet with real professionals in various careers. One of the sessions is over the GCollege411 website, complete with information on GCollege411, interviewing skills, military options, and career forecasts individualized to a student’s exploratory activities. Finally, Ms. Bray (the graduation coach) encourages students to email her frequently via their GCollege411 email accounts and share their career choice. Ms. Bray answers each email and frequently emails the students to motivate them to use the website often. These activities enable Huntington Middle School to accomplish the goal of every 8th grader having a GCollege411 account and a working knowledge of the account along with 3 identified potential careers before ever entering high school. We believe these activities are vital to a complete transitional program to prepare our students for graduation.”



Huntington Middle School will receive a plaque celebrating their recognition as GCollege411 School of the Month.

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